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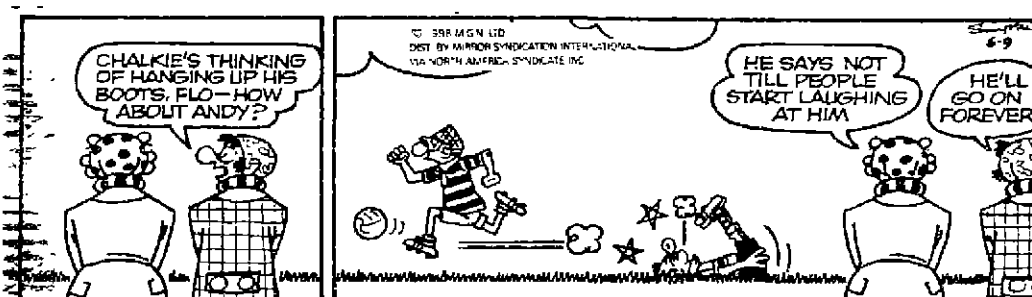
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



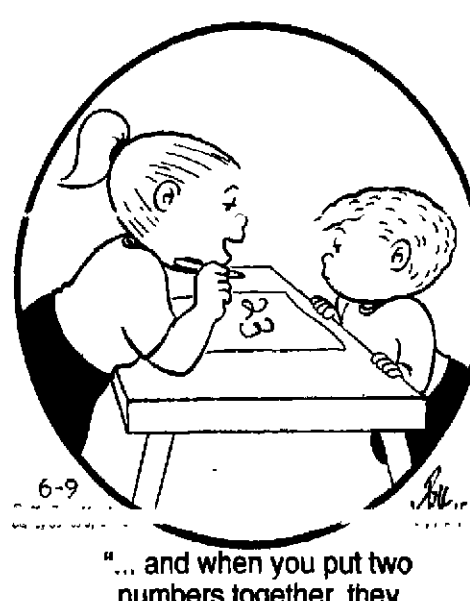
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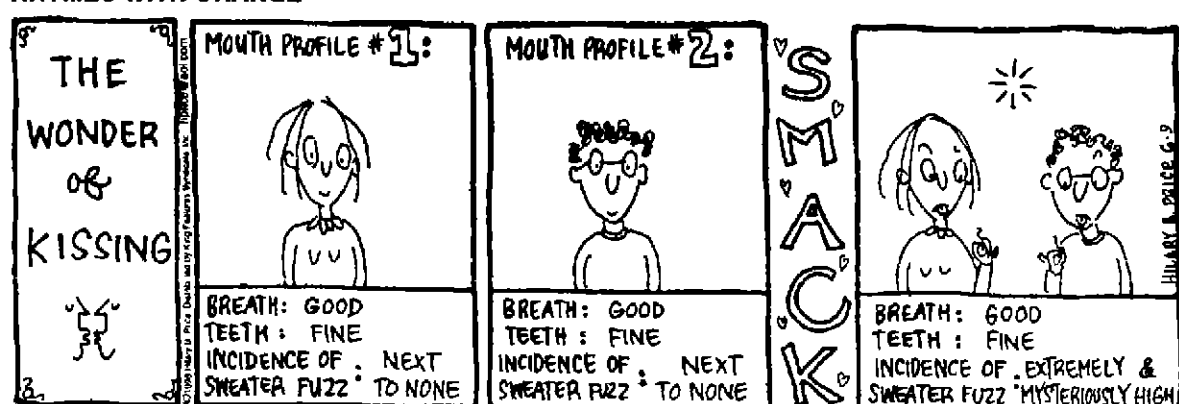
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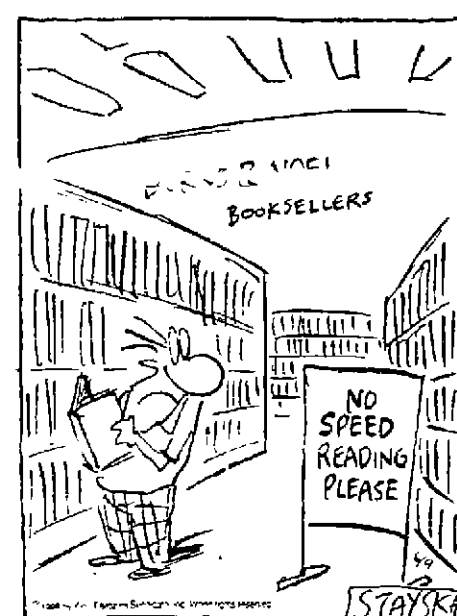
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



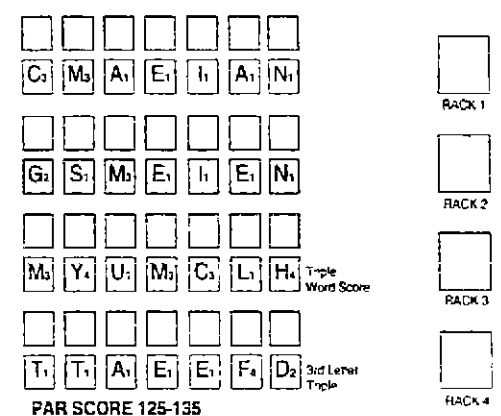
Today's Birthdays

Guitarist Les Paul is 83. Former World Bank president and former defense secretary Robert S. McNamara is 82. Actress Mona Freeman is 72. Broadcast journalist Marvin Kalb is 68. Actor Michael J. Fox is 37. Actor Johnny Depp is 35. Jazz musician Wayne Tisdale is 34. Actress Gloria Reuben is 33. Rock musician Dean Felber (Hootie & the Blowfish) is 31. Musician Ed Simons is 28. Actress Natalie Portman is 17.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



FAR SCORE 125-135

by JUDD

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Pranks & tricks



Monday's unlisted clue: LAWN
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: TOLD BY A COMIC

Antic Escapade Lark Ruse
Caper Frolic Mischief Scamp
Chicanery Hocus-pocus Rascalion Spoof
Culprit Knavery Rogue

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, June 10, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be willing to investigate the new. A job opportunity is not exactly your kind of work, but it is beneficial.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) After a round of visits with friends, you'll want to stay at home and won't be up for company.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Partners are the source of fun, excitement and amusement. Romance and leisure events are highlighted.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The daytime is for relaxation, and the nighttime is for doing extra work on a job assignment.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It's an adventurous time for you and a close friend. A new work opportunity could come your way.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You could have second thoughts about a possible financial move. You and a partner are on the same wavelength.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't expect everyone to approve of a dramatic change at home. It could take getting used to.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) There's nothing like a pleasant surprise to make a trip truly memorable. Put aside the thought of mixing business and pleasure.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Work continues on a smooth and even path. You could pass up a social function in order to keep your nose to the grindstone.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're the catalyst to get things going with social activities. After dark, there could be something a partner is reluctant to talk about.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You have more than one iron in the fire concerning financial interests. It's time to sow seeds.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You take the initiative in contacting others. Not only do you have drive, but also the ability to see things in the large vista.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I have a great lesson hand for you," said the teacher to his advanced class. "You are in three no-trump, and West leads a low heart. What do you play to tricks one and two?" "Piece of cake," blurted Fast Eddie. "I win dummy's queen and run the nine of clubs." Fast Eddie's line collects eight winners when the club finesse works. Still remaining is the matter of developing an extra diamond winner or a spade trick. In today's layout, the quick plan collapses and the penalty is one down. Henry Baer of Dallas chose a much better line. He won his heart king and offered his spade king. East accepted and returned a heart to South's ace. When South persisted with his spade jack, he had a sure spade winner. East took his queen and shifted to diamonds, South allowing West to win his queen. West led a heart to dummy's queen, and South cashed dummy's spade 10. When no nine appeared, South led dummy's club nine to trap East. If East covered, South could claim nine winners, so East ducked. South continued with dummy's queen, the club suit was good for four tricks, and Baer claimed a well-earned game. The lesson? Develop a plan to use dummy entries wisely. Assume favorable distributions (clubs), but don't forget to establish the vital ninth winner on the way.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0428

ACROSS

- 1 Vatican City, to Rome, e.g.
- 8 "That's disgusting!"
- 11 "—you kidding?"
- 14 Not as robust
- 15 Sib for a sis
- 16 Dellums or Howard
- 17 Discussed
- 19 Something to chew
- 20 Prefix with liter
- 21 Yucatán "yay!"
- 22 "Elder" or "younger"
- 23 Juliette Gordon Low, notably
- 27 Treaty of Nanking port
- 28 The Sierras, e.g.: Abbr.

DOWN

- 2 Good buddies on the road
- 30 Part of a dehumidifier
- 31 Forbidden fruit
- 33 — Pointe, Mich.
- 34 Theme of this puzzle, seen seven times in the grid
- 36 Numbered gas rating
- 39 Wacko
- 40 Easy mark
- 43 French port
- 44 Opposite of "ain't"
- 45 18-wheeler
- 46 From Ho Chi Minh City
- 50 Buttonlike?
- 51 "— the fields we go..."

ACROSS

- 52 Reached terra firma
- 53 W.W. II zone
- 54 Astonished
- 58 "Smoking or —?"
- 59 Real cold
- 60 Dunk
- 61 Nav rank
- 62 "Turn right"
- 63 Purse items

DOWN

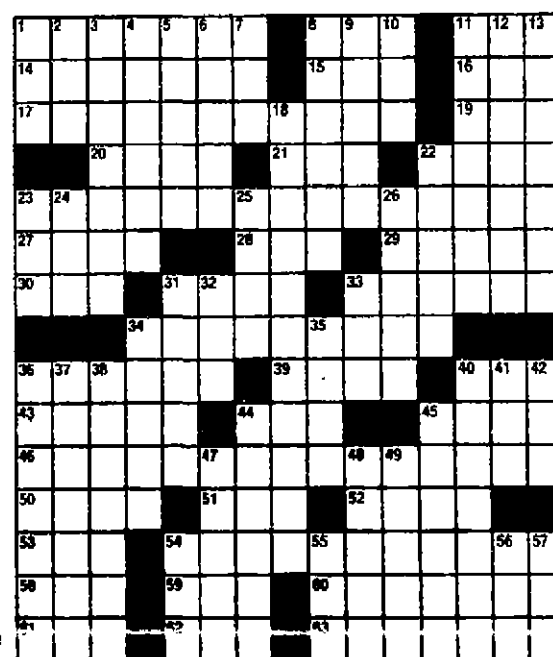
- 1 Newt
- 2 Second Amendment lobby, for short
- 3 Where witches brew
- 4 Probable
- 5 Smart — (wisecrackers)
- 6 Of Hindu scripture
- 7 Victorian, for one
- 8 Heavy steel holders
- 9 Dish for Oliver Twist
- 10 Very popular
- 11 Skoe-Ball and Pac-Man centers
- 12 Hollowing tools
- 13 Add one's support to
- 14 Label
- 15 additively
- 16 Henry — Lodge
- 17 Interstice
- 18 "Hello, — Burn" (1928 hit)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RUSH GRIM CLEFT
ATTA EASE RATER
PAIN ASIS ITALY
THROUGH THE MILL
ISLE DEN
FOA HERALDS ATT
LUNGE DOT ACRE
UNDER THE WEATHER
TEEM HOP TEEMS

FOR THIS

AROUND THE CLOCK
CLEAR ERIE IRAN
BOILS HIGH GAVE
SENSE YOSS ELSE



Puzzle by Marjorie Moskowitz

- 25 Prefix with science
- 26 Tan colors
- 31 Beethoven's "Choral" Symphony, with "the"
- 32 "Intimations of Immortality," e.g.
- 33 Old Germans
- 34 Transparent, modern-style
- 41 Some radios
- 42 Cobbler
- 44 Color fabric
- 45 Hits, old-style
- 47 Alto or tenor
- 48 Grammy winner
- 49 Grads
- 54 Rug on the noggin
- 55 Cambridge sch.
- 56 WNW's reverse
- 57 — Moines

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